

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: SIGLER, Gerald F. et al.  
Serial No: 10/669,831  
Filed: September 24, 2003  
For: PROTEASE INHIBITOR CONJUGATES AND  
ANTIBODIES USEFUL IN IMMUNOASSAY  
Art Unit: 1641  
Examiner: Mary Ceperley

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 1, 2006

Dear Sir:

This reply is in response to the Official Action dated May 8, 2006 which has a shortened statutory period for response of three months that expired on August 8, 2006.

A petition for a 3-month extension of time until November 8, 2006 is requested by Applicants.